

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

## **Contractors' Registration Board Home Inspectors' Licensing**

### **DIVISION 1 - CODE OF ETHICS**

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Honesty, justice, and courtesy, form a moral philosophy, which associated with mutual interest among people, constitutes the foundation of ethics. The Inspector should recognize such a standard, not in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles, guiding their conduct. It is their duty to practice the profession according to this Code of Ethics.

As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, the Inspector will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their clients, and with fairness and impartiality to all. Inspectors should uphold the honor and dignity of their profession and avoid association with any enterprise or questionable character, or apparent conflict of interest.

- 1.1** The Inspector will express an opinion only when it is based on practical experience, education and honest conviction.
- 1.2** The Inspector shall always endeavor in the best interest of the client and inspector's profession, to maintain and increase the level of knowledge, regarding new developments in the field of inspections.
- 1.3** The Inspector will not disclose or release any information concerning the results of the inspection, to anyone without the clients' authorization, unless the inspector finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.
- 1.4** The Inspector will not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service, without the consent of all interested parties.
- 1.5** The Inspector shall conduct business in a manner which will assure the client of the inspectors independence from outside influence and interest, which could compromise the inspectors' ability to render a fair and impartial opinion, regarding any inspection performed. This does not prohibit the inspector from

hiring sub-contractors, who are licensed, when required by law, to assist in an inspection.

- 1.6** The Inspector will not provide opinions on market value and real estate appraisals, unless so qualified.
- 1.7** The Inspector will not accept, nor offer, commissions or allowances directly or indirectly, from other parties dealing with their client in connection with work for which the inspector is responsible.
- 1.8** The Inspector will promptly disclose to the client, any interest in a business, which may affect the client. The inspector will not allow an interest in any business to affect the quality or the results of their inspection work, which they may be called upon to perform. The inspection work may not be used as a vehicle by the inspector to deliberately obtain work in another field.
- 1.9** The Inspector shall make every effort to uphold, maintain, and improve the professional integrity, reputation, and practice of the home inspection profession, and provide a full written or typed report with their inspections.
- 1.10** The Inspector may provide additional inspection services, if agreed to by the client.
- 1.11** The Inspector shall not engage in false or misleading advertising or otherwise misrepresent any matters to the public.

The Inspector shall not discriminate against anyone on the basis of age, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap, or national origin.